

TRIBUTE TO SHARON WARNER

HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 1996

Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 11, 1996, friends and relatives of Sharon Warner will gather to pay tribute to her on-going, remarkable efforts made in the face of adversity. Diagnosed only months ago with leukemia, Ms. Warner and her friends have taken it upon themselves to educate and assist others.

When she learned of her illness, Ms. Warner began the search for a bone marrow transplant donor. She soon found that the national pool of potential donors, especially minority ones, was very small.

And when she approached various public agencies for financial assistance after using all sick leave made available by her employer, she found the red tape to be overwhelming.

Ever the crusader, Ms. Warner did not give up. She spread the message of the need for minority bone marrow donors through local media outlets. She also formed the Helping Hands Organization to direct others seeking financial assistance through the maze of governmental bureaucracy.

I am sure that my colleagues across the United States will join me in honoring the work of Sharon Warner. Her efforts will certainly make a difference for years to come. Sharon Warner is a shining example of bravery and tenacity, and she deserves our admiration, our respect, and our support.

TRIBUTE TO CH2M HILL

HON. JOHN LINDER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize a company employing many of my constituents—the employee-owned, international project delivery and consulting engineering firm of CH2M HILL—for their current role as the environmental adviser to the 1996 Olympic games in Atlanta. Much of the Olympic work is being performed from CH2M HILL's long-established Atlanta office, one of the firm's 122 locations worldwide. CH2M HILL will supply on-call environmental counsel before, during, and after the games to the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic games [ACOG] as they complete the environmental framework for staging the largest peacetime event in history.

Thus far, the firm's activities have included: documenting innovative environmental approaches and achievements during venue planning and construction; assessing the impact of the games on environmental media—air, water, solid waste; linking sponsors to environmental management planning and addressing any sponsor-related circumstances, for example, heat, air quality, and supplying support in the areas of solid waste management, indoor air quality at the Olympic Village, and transportation operations. CH2M HILL will also develop an official environmental summary document for the 1996 games that will provide benchmark environmental data for future Olympic and other large sporting events.

To put CH2M HILL's involvement in context, when the International Olympic Committee [IOC] awarded the Olympic Games to Atlanta in 1990, environmental management was not a component of the Olympic bid process. One year later in 1991, the IOC in partnership with the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) formally highlighted the importance of environmentalism as a new Olympic ideal. Atlanta is only the second host city to voluntarily address Olympic environmentalism in any pragmatic or operational manner. The 1996 Olympic games are being held in the United States, a nation with some of the highest environmental standards in the world. When you add Atlanta's contribution of sound environmental management in a sport setting to the above, there is little doubt that the environmental measure for future Olympic games has been significantly raised.

CH2M HILL is an innovator in environmental technology and integrated project delivery. The firm serves a diverse portfolio of public- and private-sector clients throughout the world in the fields of water, environment, transportation, industrial facilities, infrastructure, and facility operations. The year 1996 marks the employee-owned firm's 50th year in business.

I congratulate CH2M HILL for their involvement as the environmental adviser to the largest peacetime event in history and recognize the important role our Nation plays in championing environmental stewardship and helping to preserve the planet for future generations.

TRIBUTE TO SHELDON STIEFELD

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding educator and mentor in Brooklyn, Mr. Sheldon (Shelly) Stiefeld, who is retiring after 34 years of service to New York's public schools. Thousands of youngsters have learned a great deal from Shelly and his wife, Florence who is also retiring. The tireless work and energy exhibited by the education careers of Shelly and Florence Stiefeld has done much to ensure the success of Brooklyn students.

I am especially familiar with Shelly's outstanding teaching abilities as he was my world history teacher at James Madison High School in Brooklyn. As a fifth grader, I was dazzled by his animated lectures and became entranced by his knowledge of different cultures and traditions. I am deeply grateful to him for giving me a strong basis for a future career in Government.

It gives me great pleasure to join all the parents, students and friends in honor of Shelly Stiefeld's commitment to public education and academic excellence. My educational training under Shelly left me with a positive view of Brooklyn public schools. My own children follow the same path, as they also attend public schools. The retirement of both Shelly and Florence will certainly come as a loss to those who were fortunate enough to grow under his tutelage.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIE JAMES

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 1996

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Willie James, president of the Transport Workers Union of Greater New York, who will be honored tonight for his outstanding service to the community by members of the Society of African American Transit Employees at a dinner dance in the Bronx, NY.

Mr. Speaker, Willie James was born in Harlem Hospital, in New York City. He started working as a bus operator in 1967 for the Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority. This position marked the beginning of his involvement with the labor movement.

Prior to his appointment as president, Mr. James served the transport union as director of education and training and later on as financial secretary-treasurer. Under his leadership in education and training, Mr. James developed training programs that enabled cleaning workers to advance their skills and attain higher paid positions within the industry.

Mr. James currently serves as vice president of the New York State AFL-CIO and vice president of the New York City Central Labor Council. He is also an executive board member of the New York Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, an executive board member of the Black Trade Union Leadership Committee, and a member of the board of directors of the Municipal Credit Union, on which he served as president from 1985 through 1991.

Throughout his life, Mr. James' philosophy has been one of helping those in need without expecting anything in return. He would often say: "Just ask that person who you are helping to pass the baton of love and concern to others in this race of life."

Besides his commitment to the labor movement, Mr. James was ordained deacon of the Harmon Baptist Church, and often serves as a soloist. He is married to Rosabelle and has two children, Daysey Moyd and Charles James.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Willie James for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of the labor movement and of the African-American community.

EILEEN ROCCHIO LEGRAND SMITH
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 1996

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, that it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, leadership, and community service, that I am proud to salute Eileen Rocchio, winner of the 1996 LeGrand Smith Scholarship. This award is made to young adults who have demonstrated that they are truly committed to playing important roles in our Nation's future.